

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-29 are currently pending in the application. All previously pending rejections have been withdrawn. The applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his identification of allowable subject matter. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith and applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the terminal disclaimer and remarks made herein.

Double-Patenting Rejections:

All claims are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory double patenting. In particular the claims are rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,476,885 to *Murray et al.* ("*Murray*"). Accordingly, Applicants hereby respectfully submit the attached terminal disclaimer hereby disclaiming the terminal part of this patent.

Conclusion

Accordingly, the attached terminal disclaimer and the associated remarks made herein are believed to overcome all pending grounds for rejection. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that all issues in the Final Office Action have been addressed. The Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable over the cited art.

Accordingly, the Applicants request withdrawal of all pending rejections and request reconsideration and prompt passage to issuance of this application.

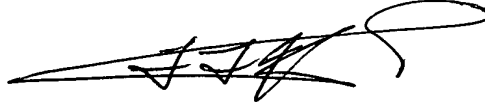
The Applicants wish to mention that any lack of response to any of the issues raised by the Examiner is not an admission by the applicant as to the accuracy of the Examiner's assertions with respect to such issues. Moreover, Applicants specifically reserve the right to respond to such issues at a later time during the prosecution of the present application, should such a need arise. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable and that this case is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the Applicants' representative to discuss any matters pertaining to this case. Should the Examiner wish to contact the undersigned for any reason, the telephone number set out below can be used.

Additionally, if any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. NSC1P127).

Respectfully submitted,

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